

Sinking Greek Liner Is Located After Long Sea Search

Rain probable to-night; Thursday clearing and cold.

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WILSON ASKS QUICK REPORT ON PERSIA; 28 CHILDREN DIED ON LINER; TWO SAVED

SWANN TAKES UP WOOD CASE; WILL PLACE SUBWAY SIGNAL SCANDAL BEFORE GRAND JURY

Prosecutor Confers With Delehanty on Evidence Dealing With Ex-Commissioner.

O'MALLEY IN CHARGE.

Presentation Held Off Temporarily to Let Thompson Committee Finish.

District Attorney Swann took up today the case of Robert Colgate Wood, the Public Service Commissioner who resigned, for the purpose of presenting to the Grand Jury evidence adduced before the Thompson Legislative Committee against both Wood and other persons involved in the subway signal scandal.

"I think this is a very important matter," said Mr. Swann to The Evening World. "It is one that should be thoroughly sifted and it is my duty as District Attorney to do so."

The District Attorney conferred first with Judge Delehanty of the Court of General Sessions, who, as Assistant District Attorney before his appointment to the bench, had charge of the preliminary presentation of evidence in the case to the December Grand Jury for the purpose of informing himself of what already had been done. He then assigned Assistant District Attorney James O'Malley to take the case in hand and to prepare further presentations to the Grand Jury.

It was found that the December Grand Jury already had been continued over into January by Judge Mulqueen, at the request of former District Attorney Perkins, and the Wood case will go before that body.

The Grand Jury was scheduled to meet at 2 o'clock to-day for the purpose, but at a conference between Mr. Swann, Mr. O'Malley and other officials, it was decided to postpone until next week so as to allow the Thompson Committee to finish its investigations and to furnish whatever additional evidence may be secured.

District Attorney Swann learned that Senator Thompson and associates had gone to Albany to-day to attend the opening of the Legislature, but would be back to renew their investigation of Wood's acts on Friday. Arrangements were made for conferences between Mr. O'Malley, representing the District Attorney, and Senator Thompson and Deputy Attorney General Lewis, representing the committee.

Senator Thompson went to Albany on an early train this morning. Before departing he said:

"I will be back here Thursday night prepared to renew the committee's sessions Friday morning at 11 o'clock. We want Robert Wood before us again as a witness. We tried to find him yesterday, but could not.

"It makes no difference if his resignation has been accepted by the Governor. That will not stop our inquiry. We are going right on."

Lawson Predicts Inquiry by Senate Committee.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—An investigation by a Senate Committee of the circumstances surrounding the resignation of Robert Colgate Wood, Public Service Commissioner, and the appointment of Henry W. Hodges as his successor, was

QUIGG WAS AT CAPITAL FRIDAY, DEC. 31.

(Special from a staff correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Lemuel Ely Quigg was here on Thursday and Friday of last week—Dec. 30 and Dec. 31—returning to New York on the Friday afternoon train. Mr. Quigg was in the Executive Chamber at the Capitol on Thursday.

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP STRIKES MINE; 22 OF CREW SAVED

Leto, With Cargo of Wheat From New York, Is Reported Still Afloat.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A Reuter despatch from Rotterdam says that the Dutch steamship Leto, under charter by the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, struck a mine yesterday, but is continuing her voyage. The Leto is under charter by the American Commission for relief in Belgium, and has a cargo of wheat. If this cargo is not saved, a shortage of bread in Belgium may result. Recent losses of ships chartered by the commission from mines and storms threatened to create a serious scarcity of food for the dependent Belgian population.

The American Commission plans its shipments a month ahead of actual need, but the losses of steamships, coupled with the acute shortage in shipping facilities, compels the commission to consider the possibility of decreasing the ration issued to the Belgians.

TAFT SELLS CUBS TO WEEGHMAN OF FEDERALS

Harry Sinclair, Oklahoma Oil Magnate, Assists in Closing Negotiations To-day.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 5.—The Chicago National League Club was sold to Charles Weeghman by Charles P. Taft to-day. Harry F. Sinclair, the Oklahoma oil magnate, assisted in closing the negotiations whereby Weeghman obtained control of the Cubs.

This announcement was made by Harry F. Sinclair. When Mr. Taft was asked to confirm it a moment later, he said:

"I have nothing to say now, but may have an announcement to make in a short time."

FIND GREEK LINER IS STILL AFLOAT, CALLING FOR HELP

The United States' Wireless Picks Up Thessaloniki Far Off Course.

TO REACH HER TO-NIGHT

New Alarm for Rescue Ship Patris, Which Was Due Here To-Day.

Latest wireless advice this afternoon from the Scandinavian-American liner United States indicate that the Greek liner Thessaloniki was still afloat at 1 o'clock this afternoon and that the United States may reach her present position by 7 o'clock to-night. The location given by the Thessaloniki at 1 o'clock shows that the heavy northwest gale has driven her far to the southeast of her last known position.

The wireless received at the Scandinavian-American Line office from Capt. Goetsche of the United States reads:

"At 1 P. M. got the Thessaloniki's observed position, 38.28 N.—66.30 W., which is eighty miles east of sixth position. Our position at 1 P. M. 30.05 N.—68.17 W. Expect to reach the Thessaloniki at 7 P. M.

GOETSCHIE "The sixth position" referred to in the message evidently means the last position received by the United States prior to the one quoted above. The sinking Greek liner has sent out a different position every few hours since the United States began hunting for her.

The whereabouts of the ninety members of her crew left aboard when the Patris of the Greek Line came to her rescue is still unknown. The location of the Patris is also undetermined.

The offices of the National Steam Navigation Company of Greece, Ltd., at No. 20 Pearl Street, agents for the Thessaloniki and the Patris, were crowded to-day with friends and relatives of passengers aboard the two ships, anxiously asking for news.

Finally, about 11 o'clock, Nicholas Galanos, manager of the Greek Line office, gave out the following wireless which he said he had just received from the Patris:

"Thessaloniki leaks. Crew want to abandon her. We and SS, United States are vainly searching. Cannot find her.

(Signed) "PATRIS."

This information did not dispel alarm, because the location of the Patris was not given. The coast guard cutter Mohawk, somewhere off the Jersey coast, had been ordered to proceed to the Thessaloniki and will be followed from here to-morrow morning by the Seneca as soon as the latter is coaled and provisioned.

ANOTHER AMERICAN REPORTED ON PERSIA

Rev. Homer R. Salisbury, Not Listed as Saved, Said to Have Been a Passenger.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The American Embassy here has received a report, saying that the Rev. Homer R. Salisbury, an American, was a passenger on the liner Persia.

His name was not included in the list of the survivors.

DESPERATE BATTLE FOUGHT IN HALL OF MITCHEL'S HOME

Elevator Boy Goes on Rampage in Apartment House Where Mayor Lives.

ATTACKS BODYGUARD.

City's Executive and Wife Arrive for Finish of Exciting Conflict.

A story of a wild night in the Peter Stuyvesant apartments, Riverside Drive and Ninety-eighth Street, in which figured Mayor Mitchell and his wife, who live there, was told in the West Side Police Court to-day, when John Sullivan, an elevator operator employed in the building, was arraigned before Magistrate Ten Eyck. The trouble started, it was testified, when Sullivan, shortly after going to work last evening, gulped down the contents of a pint bottle of whiskey. A few minutes later Mrs. Walter M. Werner and her husband, who live on the sixth floor, just beneath the Mitchell apartment, summoned Sullivan to take their prize dogs, Caesar, a \$5,000 Russian wolfhound, and a King Charles spaniel, out for an airing.

In the elevator, it was charged, Sullivan beat the dogs.

When the car reached the ground floor Sullivan threw open the door and he and Caesar rolled out into the hallway. On duty there was the Mayor's personal guard was Detective George Bureau. He grabbed the elevator boy.

Then Sullivan and O'Connor began fighting, while frightened tenants, not knowing the identity of the detective, telephoned to the police a riot was taking place. Sullivan, it is charged, ripped O'Connor's collar from his neck, struck him in the face, then picked up the King Charles spaniel, ran to the street, where a taxicab was standing, smashed a hole in one of the windows with his hand and threw the dog inside. In doing this he cut a gash in his left wrist.

Although wounded severely, the fight of battle still was in Sullivan's eye. He started back into the building and at the entrance met O'Connor, who was after him. They grappled and rolled about over expensive rugs, which became bespattered with crimson evidences of the combat. O'Connor finally overpowered the man and hauled him out to the street, just as a patrol wagon reached the building.

At the same time, Mayor Mitchell and his wife returned home in a taxicab. Sullivan was shouting wildly, and denouncing everybody in sight. It took O'Connor and two other men to get him into the wagon, and at Amsterdam Avenue and One Hundredth Street, he put up another fight, the police say, and still another inside the station house, where seven policemen held him while he was attended by Surgeon Mills, of the Knickerbocker Hospital.

When the man had been locked up O'Connor returned to the Peter Stuyvesant to find that Caesar was missing. The wolfhound had fled when rescued. Mayor Mitchell took part in the hunt through the neighborhood that followed. The dog returned to the house to-day.

The Mayor was indignant over Sullivan's conduct. One of his representatives was in court when the case was called to-day. Magistrate Ten Eyck fined Sullivan \$5. Sullivan gave his age as twenty-five and said he lived at No. 73 West One Hundred and Fifth Street.

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FORMER ACTRESS WHOSE DELUSIONS LANDED HER IN PSYCHOPATHIC WARD



SADIE MARTINOT, CRAZED BY WORK, GOES TO BELLEVUE

Wild Scene in Apartment as Former Actress Cries for Help.

Mrs. Louis Netherole, better known to the public as Sadie Martinot, who retired from a brilliant career on the stage in 1901 when she married her manager, the brother of Olga Netherole, was taken to the psychopathic ward of Bellevue Hospital suffering from acute insanity. She became violent in the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, No. 455 Fort Washington Avenue, early to-day.

Mrs. Netherole, whose husband is at present in England, has been living recently at No. 35 Grove Street, Yonkers. She has been busy for a long time writing plays and recently tried to return to the stage. The strain caused a partial nervous breakdown. Yesterday she appeared at the home of the Shaws in a tensely excited condition.

She told them the Italian who had been attending to the furnace of her Yonkers home had been acting strangely and had threatened her and she was in fear of her life. She asked the Shaws to take her in for the night.

Mr. Shaw was awakened at day-break by screams of a woman in the court of the apartment house. He found Miss Martinot scantily clothed, cowering in a corner, shrieking for the police to arrest imaginary persons who were seeking to kill her. Policeman Webster of the West One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Street Station called Ambulance Surgeon Jacobs from the Washington Heights Hospital and she was taken to Bellevue. It is believed her affliction is temporary.

Sadie Martinot's stage career began at fourteen years of age, when she graduated into the chorus of a vaudeville theatre at Sixth Avenue and Thirty-third Street from participation in a round of church concerts in Brooklyn. Her father was a prosperous silk merchant. She won rapid promotion and came under the notice of Dion Boucicault, under whose care she became a star of musical comedy and the serious drama. She is the author of a number of short stories and light verse in the magazines.

WHITMAN'S BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 1916 IS \$57,164,517

Amount Appropriated by Legislature for State Needs Last Year Was \$63,977,271.

SENDS IN HIS MESSAGE.

Governor Aiming at Economy and Efficiency, Plans Financial Reforms.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—The total budget proposal, submitted by Gov. Whitman to-day, is \$57,164,517. Total appropriations of the 1915 Legislature amounted to \$63,977,271. The Governor's statement to the Legislature is part follows:

"The sinking fund contributions for the coming year, under the provisions of the Constitution, have increased automatically from \$9,811,514 appropriated last year to \$11,569,928 necessary to be appropriated for the coming year, an increase of \$1,758,414.

"Excluding sinking fund contributions and the canal construction appropriation from the total of 1915, and the sinking fund contributions from the total proposal of the tentative budget, the budget proposal for the next fiscal year is \$5,124,194 below the appropriations for similar items in 1915.

"This proposed reduction of \$5,124,194 in departmental expenses therefore represents the results of the work of the Governor's budget conference which I began early in November and have continued up to this time."

Gov. Whitman's annual message to the Legislature, submitted to-day, was devoted entirely to State finances with the object of securing efficiency and economy. His principal recommendations were a budget system for appropriations, consolidation of all fiscal supervision in the State Comptroller's office, abolition of various State enterprises, general economy all along the line and a start made on constitutional amendments to enable further financial reforms.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED:

For a complete State budget system.

For serial bond issues.

For revision of the State sinking fund system, which is expanding beyond requirements.

OFFICES AND ACTIVITIES SLATED TO BE ABOLISHED:

State Fiscal Supervisor, the duties to be taken over by the State Comptroller.

Board of Port Wardens, as not representing a State function, their duties to be taken over by the Federal Government.

Health Officer of the Port of New York, his duties to be transferred to the Federal Government.

State Nautical School, as too costly when other educational needs are more pressing.

Training ship Newport to be returned to the Federal Government.

Construction of Montauk Hospital for the insane and Yorktown Training School for Boys abandoned because of New York City's opposition toward their continuance on the Croton watershed.

FINANCIAL SYSTEM CHANGES LISTED BY GOVERNOR:

Authority of sixty-five State and county officers to make expenditures, taken away and authority centralized only in the Comptroller.

Among the departments to be stripped of financial control over their

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SHARP ACTION WITH AUSTRIA IF ONE OF HER SUBMARINES TORPEDOED BRITISH LINER

Wilson and Lansing Hold a Long Conference on the Submarine Crisis, and Send New Hurry Calls to Ambassadors for Facts.

MOTHERS COULDN'T FIND BABES AS PERSIA SANK.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—President Wilson conferred with Secretary Lansing for an hour to-day over the submarine crisis. No additional facts, beyond the definite knowledge that only two Americans were aboard the liner Persia, had been received by the State Department from either Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, Ambassador Gerard at Berlin or American Consular Agents along the shores of the Mediterranean and messages were sent urging greater speed in obtaining the facts.

Such information as had already been received was carefully reviewed by both the President and Mr. Lansing. There still was every indication no action would be taken pending the receipt of fuller advice.

There is reason to believe President Wilson has determined, should these reports prove the guilt of Austria, upon the course he will pursue and that, no matter how far he goes, he will receive the immediate backing of Congress.

The President will call the Cabinet together Friday morning. It is expected the policy of this Government on the submarine question will be determined at that time.

Senator O'Gorman of New York declared in the Senate that it was not necessary for Consul McNeely to have been sent on an American ship to his post.

"There was a neutral ship which was ready to sail and carry him safely to Aden," said the Senator. "He was advised by one of our consular representatives long in the service. Mr. Skinner, who accompanied him from New York to England, that he had better continue his journey to Aden on a Dutch vessel that was ready to sail. For some reason, apparently satisfactory to himself, Consul McNeely disregarded that advice and sailed on the belligerent ship."

Whether the status of the Persia was changed from an unarmed liner to that of a vessel which might technically be classified as armed by the fact that she mounted one gun is a point which United States navy experts will be called upon to help determine. They will be asked for advice on how the liner's one gun might have been used. Despatches have failed to indicate whether the gun was mounted for defense or offense.

Official despatches received to-day established that Robert N. McNeely, newly appointed American Consul at Aden, is the only American missing.

Delay in action by Austria was ascribed by officials to-day to inability of the submarine commander to reach his base and report. Officials believe that if an Austrian submarine was responsible, Austria without waiting for an ultimatum from this country will take proper action.

PERSIA'S PASSENGERS TRAPPED IN SALOON AS LINER WAS SUNK

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 5.—Scores of passengers aboard the liner Persia who were at luncheon when the ship was torpedoed were trapped and drowned in the dining saloon when the steamer, turned turtle, overturned.

BEIJING (via wireless) to Sayville, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Artillery and mine combats of minor importance on several sectors of the western front were reported by the War Office this afternoon. The official statement said no engagements of importance have occurred in any of the theatres of war.

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